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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A chemical compound comprising first and second hsp-binding moieties which bind to the pocket of hsp90 with which ansamycin antibiotics bind, said binding moieties being connected to one another by a linker.
2. (original) The chemical compound according to claim 1, wherein the first hsp-binding moiety is an ansamycin antibiotic.
- 3-5. canceled
6. (previously presented) The chemical compound of claim 2, wherein the linker has a length of 4 to 7 carbon atoms.
7. (original) The chemical compound of claim 6, wherein the linker has a length of 4 carbon atoms.
- 8-11. canceled
12. (previously presented) A method for destruction of cells expressing a HER-family tyrosine kinase, comprising administering to the cells a chemical compound comprising first and second hsp-binding moieties which bind to the pocket of hsp90 with which ansamycin antibiotics bind, said binding moieties being connected to one another by a linker.
13. (previously presented) A method for treating cancer in a patient suffering from cancer, comprising administering to the patient a therapeutic composition comprising a chemical compound comprising first and second hsp-binding moieties which bind to the pocket of hsp90 with which ansamycin antibiotics bind, said binding moieties being connected to one another by a linker.
14. canceled
15. (previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein at least one of the hsp-binding moieties is an ansamycin antibiotic.

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16. (previously presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the linker has a length of 4 to 7 carbon atoms.
17. (previously presented) The method according to claim 16, wherein the linker has a length of 4 carbon atoms.
18. (previously presented) The chemical compound of claim 1, wherein the linker is a substituted carbon chain.
19. (previously presented) The chemical compound of claim 18, wherein the linker is a substituted carbon chain incorporating a secondary or tertiary amine.
20. (previously presented) The chemical compound of claim 19, wherein the linker is an N-methylamino linker.
21. (previously presented) The chemical compound of claim 18, wherein the linker is a substituted carbon chain incorporating an aryl group.
22. (previously presented) The chemical compound of claim 3, wherein the linker is a substituted carbon chain.
23. (previously presented) The chemical compound of claim 22, wherein the linker is a substituted carbon chain incorporating a secondary or tertiary amine.
24. (previously presented) The chemical compound of claim 23, wherein the linker is an N-methylamino linker.
25. (previously presented) The chemical compound of claim 22, wherein the linker is a substituted carbon chain incorporating an aryl group.
26. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the linker is a substituted carbon chain.
27. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the linker is a substituted carbon chain incorporating a secondary or tertiary amine.
28. (previously presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the linker is an N-methylamino linker.
29. (previously presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the first and second hsp-binding

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moieties are each an ansamycin antibiotic.

30. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the first and second hsp-binding moieties are each an ansamycin antibiotic.

31. (previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the linker is a substituted carbon chain.

32. (previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the linker is a substituted carbon chain incorporating a secondary or tertiary amine.

33. (previously presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the linker is an N-methylamino linker.

34. (previously presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the first and second hsp-binding moieties are each an ansamycin antibiotic.

35. (previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the first and second hsp-binding moieties are each an ansamycin antibiotic.

36. The method of claim 13, wherein the patient treated suffers from a cancer expressing a HER-family tyrosine kinase.

37. (previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the cancer is breast cancer.

38. (previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the cancer is ovarian cancer.

39. (previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the cancer is pancreatic cancer.

40. (previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the cancer is gastric cancer.